

WASHINGTON – Congressman John Larson (CT-01) applauded **President Barack Obama's** announcement of support for the New Alternative Transportation to Give Americans Solutions Act (NAT GAS Act).

"I commend President Obama for advocating a plan today that will finally address our nation's overdependence on foreign oil and stop the never ending stream of money we send overseas," Congressman Larson said. "This morning the President said that part of the solution is the increased use of natural gas vehicles, something that I am working precisely to address through legislation to be reintroduced next week. I look forward to working with the President on this important policy change."

Earlier this week Congressman Larson announced plans to reintroduce the bill within the next two weeks. Last year, despite widespread support, the bill did not receive a vote.

During a speech on America's energy future this morning at Georgetown University President Obama said the NAT GAS Act was an area of "broad bi-partisan agreement."

"Last year, more than 150 Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle proposed legislation providing incentives to use clean-burning natural gas in our vehicles instead of oil," President Obama said. "They were even joined by T. Boone Pickens, a businessman who made his fortune on oil. So I ask them to keep at it and pass a bill that helps us achieve this goal."

Pickens has made multiple trips to Connecticut in the last few years to discuss energy. In November of 2009 Pickens and Congressman Larson held a town hall meeting at Goodwin College in East Hartford where the two discussed the benefits of natural gas as an alternative to transportation fuel.

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